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The Chinese Communist naval program has been established for 1950 as follows:

- a. China will be divided into four naval districts -- northeast, north, south and east -- with headquarters office in each district. The naval staff will be supplied from army officers with 12 or more years of service.
- b. The Northeast and North China Naval Academies will enroll 2,000 students, 40 percent nominated by military districts or field armies and 60 percent selected by competitive examination. The South China Naval District will establish an academy before the end of May 1950 and is recruiting Nationalist naval technicians who were left behind. The Communists plan to continue to send 45 men to Korea for higher technical training.
- c. The construction of large ships is impossible because of material and technical difficulties. The Communists therefore plan to capture or subvert all possible Nationalist naval vessels and personnel. During 1950 the Communists intend to build or repair up to 50,000 tons of shipping. All naval districts will raise and repair sunken vessels, and all ships sunk in the Yangtze River will be raised by the end of the year. Iron and wooden vessels of over 100 tons will be built for current needs.

Comment. This appears to be a Nationalist conception of Communist naval plans.

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